



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #196

**Relating to a Declaration of a State of Emergency
in Response to Elevated Wildfire Conditions**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has experienced abnormally dry conditions statewide; and

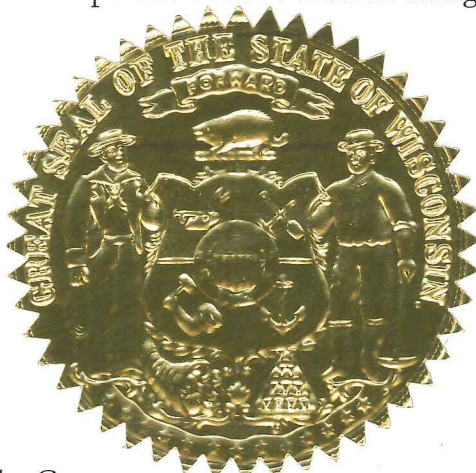
WHEREAS, based upon extended fire weather predictions from the National Weather Service, the need exists for the issuance of Red Flag warnings for portions of the State of Wisconsin when conditions occur that include high winds, low humidity, dry fuels, widespread drought conditions, and shortages of resources; and

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing statewide wildfire danger and imminent threat that may affect the safety of persons and property; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has requested wildfire suppression support from the Wisconsin National Guard, to include the pre-positioning of firefighting assets in critical locations throughout the state, and additional personnel and resources may be needed to expedite response and recovery operations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, and specifically by Sections 321.39, 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin; and
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in potential wildfire response and recovery efforts; and
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in providing wildfire suppression support and other essential services; and
4. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-first day of April in the year two thousand sixteen.


SCOTT WALKER
Governor

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State